

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



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MICHEL BLAIS & LINDA MACPHERSON

NAMED CONCORDIA'S ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Michel Blais and Linda Macpherson captured top honors tonight at the Fourth Annual Concordia Athletic Awards Night.

Blais, a veteran defenceman joins former hockey stars such as Jim Corsi, Bernie Wolfe and Glen Tomalty in gaining the school's most prestigious Athletic Award, the Gill Award for the male "Athlete of the year". Mighty Michel reached stardom through hard work in Coach Paul Arsenault's highly successful varsity hockey program. He copped off a brilliant four-year collegiate career this season as he received All-Canadian honors, as well as the Quebec University Athletic Association's All-Star selection. The 6'0 defenceman will add to those honored this spring when he receives a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Michel scored 16 goals - 35 assists for 51 points this season for the Stingers.

Macpherson, the sparkplug for the varsity female cagers was named female "Athlete of the Year" winning the Sally Kemp Award. The 5'6 guard was selected as an All-Star for the second consecutive season by the Quebec University Athletic Association. Linda, a second year Recreation student averaged 13.2 points and 3.8 assists a game. The Pointe Claire native formerly played for the Quebec Elite team, the John Abbott Islanders and the Bishop's Gaiters.

Forward, Doug Feasby was named "Freshman Male Athlete of the Year". Feasby, a transfer student from Union College, New York, was voted the hockey team's "Rookie of the Year". The Stouffville, Ontario native scored 38 points on 17 goals and 21 assists this season.

Julie Healy was selected as the "Freshman Female Athlete of the Year". The versatile athlete lettered in both field hockey and ice hockey. Julie, a Lachine resident, was named the ice hockey's squad "Most Valuable Player".

The Georgian Special Award was presented to Glenn Ord for the second consecutive year. Ord is president of the Sir George Williams Outdoor Club, and past president of the Concordia Tabletop Baseball League. The Outdoor Club organizes a wide variety of outdoor activities such as skiing, cycling, canoeing, mountain-climbing, horseback riding, etc.

Cheryl Petersen received the Women's Athletic Shield. She was named as an All-Star on the Q.U.A.A. basketball team, as well as being selected as her own team's Most Valuable Player. The John Abbott graduate expects to continue intercollegiate basketball while pursuing a post-graduate degree in Science.

The "Sportsmanship Award" presented to the graduating athlete who displayed true qualities of sportsmanship was given to Mark Dichter, a varsity hockey player. Coach, Paul Arsenault describes him as "the ideal Concordia athlete - putting his team and teammates above his own considerations. He worked hard to get the most out of his ability."

The "Women's Athletic Council Award" was presented to Diane Quart, the Women's Hockey Coach. Diane is the only four-time winner of the "Female Athlete of the Year" at Loyola/Concordia.

The "Director of Athletic's Shield", presented to a student for outstanding contributions to the athletic program was given to Dave Campbell. Campbell, a fourth-year Bio-Physical Education student has served as trainer and manager for various teams for the past three years.

The "Graduate Award" awarded for the first time this year, was presented to Walter Harrigan. Harrigan, working on his Masters in Business Administration was voted the basketball team's Most Valuable Player this year.

Other Most Valuable Player Awards for teams went to George Bselis (Soccer), Sandi Chinn (Women's Field Hockey), Sue Harford (Women's Soccer), Louise Forget (Women's Volleyball), Fran Togneri (Defensive Player of the Year), Walter Dalla Riva (Offensive Player of the Year), Kelly Martin (J.V. Hockey).

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